

MES 380-01

Winter 2016

Anthropology of the Middle East

Monday & Wednesday 3:00-4:15 pm

AuSable Hall—Room 1301

Course is cross-listed with ANT 380



This course provides an ethnographic survey of Middle Eastern and North African peoples and culture. It highlights the social and cultural change of communities as well as the resistance to change in the period since the First World War. The general focus is on issues of identity, majority-minority relations, self-representation and the perception of the “other”. Relations between humans and environment, between cultures, and within societies are studied. The role of religion and its influence on various Middle Eastern communities is analyzed as well. Students will learn about different methodological approaches to the study of cultures and people. They will also learn how to conduct fieldwork in the Middle East or among groups of Middle Eastern descent and how to develop conceptual framework based on information and sources obtained from the field.

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